



भारतीय नौसेना

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OSD OF EASTERN FLEET TO SOUTH EAST ASIA



SIMBEX 2011 – RSN Supreme, INS Kirch and INS Jyoti



SIMBEX 2011 – Ships in Formation during Manoeuvres

Indian Navy Ships **Delhi, Ranvir, Ranvijay, Jyoti and Kirch** sailed for **Overseas Deployment (OSD)** to **South China Sea and Western Pacific** in Mar-May 11 with following port calls:-

Singapore; Subic bay(Philippines); Vladivostok(Russia); Manila (Philippines); Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam); Bandar Sera Begawan (Brunei); Kota Kina Balu (Malaysia); Jakarta (Indonesia)

The engagement of navies of the South East Asian countries is in keeping with our **Look East Policy**. In order to show presence in this region, periodic deployments of Indian Naval Ships are routinely planned. Apart from South China Sea being an area of strategic significance, some of the countries in the region possess professional navies. These Navies are in the process of acquiring new platforms and weapon systems similar to ours. We therefore stand to gain from operational interaction and enhanced levels of cooperation with these countries, so that the *IN* can establish and nurture a fruitful relationship in this region.

One *IN* MR aircraft undertook Coordinated PSM with Fleet Units in South China Sea as part of SIMBEX from 18-26 Mar 11. The aircraft operated ex-Singapore for the above duration. The ships conducted PASSEX with host navies post/prior port calls to enhance Navy to Navy cooperation.

In order to ensure better coordination with multinational navies the ships embarked Sea Riders from friendly foreign navies. In addition, cross embarkation of personnel during PASSEX with host navies was also planned, as is the normal practice.

The ships participated in the following Bilateral Exercises with foreign Navies during the OSD:-

Ser	Exercise	Navy	Location	Area
(a)	SIMBEX	Singapore Navy	Foreign	South China Sea
(b)	MALABAR	US Navy	Foreign	Western Pacific Ocean



SIMBEX 2011_VBSS on Formidable



SIMBEX 2011 – FOCEF and RSN Dy Fleet Commander along with the Commanding Officers of Ships